

ROBING CEREMONIES FOR NEW PROVINCIAL COURT JUDGES

Thursday, May 11, 2023

The Provincial Court of Nova Scotia is hosting two robing ceremonies this Friday, May 12, to officially welcome two of its newest judges. The Hon. Judge Bronwyn Duffy and The Hon. Judge Jill Hartlen were both appointed on Feb. 3, 2023.

Please note that attendance at these robing ceremonies is by invitation only; however, they will be livestreamed on the Courts of Nova Scotia website.

Both ceremonies will be held at Dartmouth Provincial Court, the first taking place at 1 p.m. for Judge Hartlen, followed by the ceremony for Judge Duffy at 3 p.m. The public and media can watch online at https://www.courts.ns.ca/operations/webcasts. Archived video of the ceremonies will be posted online following the event.

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Judge Jill Hartlen

Judge Jill Hartlen was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2004. At the time of her appointment, Judge Hartlen was working as Agent Supervisor of the Atlantic Region of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC).

As a lawyer, she provided Charter of Rights and Freedoms training to agents and police and was involved in more than 100 Charter challenges. In 2018, she was designated a wiretap agent, prosecuting many complex wiretap cases.

She now presides primarily in Dartmouth Provincial Court.

Judge Bronwyn Duffy

Prior to her career in law, Judge Bronwyn Duffy obtained a Master of Science in Neuroscience. She has received a series of awards, including the Alistair Fraser Scholarship in law and a national NSERC graduate scholarship in science.

Judge Duffy practiced her entire legal career at MacIsaac, Clarke & Duffy in Stellarton. Her work there was diverse, including prosecution and administration of all criminal and regulatory federal legislation in Pictou County as agent counsel for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. She also served as a town solicitor for more than 10 years and practiced residential and commercial real estate.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Duffy was very involved with the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, serving on the Executive Committee of Council. She also served as co-Vice Chair of the Complaints Investigation Committee and was a member of the Finance Committee and the Distinguished Service Award Committee.

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